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James Kendall, Staff Director of the 17. Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, called to say that in his posture briefing of the Subcommittee former Secretary Clifford gave a figure for the number of Soviet bombers which was approximately three quarters of that given to the Subcommittee by the Agency. Kendall wondered whether we could explain the discrepancy. He thought he knew what it was but wanted to hear it from us. After checking with Bruce Clarke, OSR, I advised Kendall that Secretary Clifford had used the figure of 150 bombers which was an accurate figure: however, this figure does not include some 45-50 BISON bombers which are used as tankers. Kendall said this was the explanation he expected but he expressed irritation at the way in which Secretary Clifford had given the lower figure without mentioning the bombers used as tankers. He described it as a "sneaky way of doing business." He couldn't understand why Clifford hadn't presented the total figure (as the Agency had done) and then pointed out that 45-50 of these bombers were used as tankers.

Mr. Kendall indicated, prior to the Senate's consideration of the Nonproliferation Treaty, the Preparedness Subcommittee would want a briefing from the Director on the status of the various nuclear powers and the capability of other countries to achieve nuclear standing. They would be particularly interested in those countries who have not as yet signed the NPT but could develop nuclear capability such as India. I mentioned the Director's extremely heavy schedule and indicated that there might be a problem in the timing of this briefing. Kendall did not suggest a particular date but said they would obviously want the briefing before the Treaty comes up.

of NSA, had been in touch with him about a call which he had received from 25X1A		
Bill Kenworthy, a former member of Senator Peter Dominick's (R., Colo.)		
staff. It appears		
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		It was agreed that he would contact
Senator Dominick	's office on this.	
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